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1. An official of the municipality of Dahlwitz/Hoppegarten and a member of the election board for the country reports the following with regard to the elections:

a. For Dahlwitz/Hoppegarten there are three voting districts with a total number of 2,835 eligible voters. The election results the first day of voting were as follows:

YES	839 votes
NO	731 votes
VOID	160 votes

The above tabulation is correct and the counting was done honestly.

b. On Monday, the election board was directed to count the votes in the manner prescribed orally over the telephone by Minister of the Interior Bechler. The Burgomaster, a man named Weisshaar, a CDU member (formerly directed the Statistical Office of District Tiergarten) refused to obey the instructions received by telephone, and stated that he would only obey legal written instructions. Shortly thereafter he received written instructions, issued by the District Administrative chief (Landrat) who personally brought the instructions. He was accompanied by the local Soviet MG officer dressed in civilian clothes. The written instructions* stated that the following were to be counted as YES votes:

- 1) Where the YES was crossed out and the word NO was written in and encircled.
- 2) Where the whole ballot was crossed out.
- 3) Where a blank ballot was cast with no marks on it.
- 4) Where both fields (YES and NO) were stricken out.
- 5) Where neither YES nor NO was marked but where some remark appeared indicating that the voter was negatively inclined.

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- d. According to the above count, this would mean that subtracting the number of YES votes cast Sunday from the number of YES votes cast Monday a total of 1,387 people voted YES on Monday. In reality a total of only 955 voters appeared at the polls on Monday.
- e. The official complained about the method of counting votes and refused to go on record in certifying that the vote was correct. Because of his refusal, the Parish councillor (Gemeinderat), a man named Wischniewski (SED), and the local Soviet Military Government officer accused the official, the Burgomaster Weisshaar, and a Herr Heider of being hidden Fascists and told them they would be watched closely by them. The official was told to take their advice and get out of Dahlewitz because they would soon be arrested. He left Dahlewitz immediately.
2. A CDU member who was a member of an election board in Glienicke-Nordbahn, adjacent to Hermsdorf by Berlin, stated that the election results as counted on Sunday were correct. On Monday, however, it was very evident that the results were incorrect and had been tampered with. The results were as follows:

a. Actual Results:

Voting district 1 :	YES	10	NO	42	VOID	112
Voting district 2 :	YES	57	NO	35	VOID	20
Voting district 3 :	YES	17	NO	27	VOID	78
Voting district 4 :	YES	89	NO	60	VOID	76
Voting district 5 :	YES	62	NO	53	VOID	61
TOTAL	YES	235	NO	217	VOID	347

b. Results as Officially Listed:

Voting district 1 :	YES	122	NO	42
Voting district 2 :	YES	77	NO	35
Voting district 3 :	YES	95	NO	27
Voting district 4 :	YES	165	NO	60
Voting district 5 :	YES	123	NO	53
TOTAL	YES	582	NO	217

3. Voting results in some Potsdam districts.

District 14 :	YES	967	NO	862	VOID	270
District 15 :	YES	1,145	NO	1,295	VOID	216
District 35 :	YES	670	NO	722	VOID	109
District 37 :	YES	827	NO	527	VOID	163
TOTAL	YES	3,609	NO	3,406	VOID	758

Potsdam-Rehbrücke	YES	1,018	NO	699	VOID	257
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4. Voting results in the city and county of Wittenberg*

Total votes cast on 15 May	Adults	-	73,674
	Youth	-	3,172

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Adult votes	YES	44,200	NO	19,979	VOID	9,495
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Youth votes	YES	2,175	NO	678	VOID	319
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Total votes cast on 16 May

Adults - 82,545

Youth - 3,638

Adult votes	YES	54,865	NO	23,487	VOID	4,193
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Youth votes	YES	2,630	NO	842	VOID	166
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Total votes cast 16 May include those cast on previous day, 15 May. Note that the total number of VOID votes, which totalled 9,814 on 15 May, decreased to 4,359 the following day.

* See Attachment I

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